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**SUBJECT:** ECS – Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO)

**TO:** All Offices

**PURPOSE:** Clarify Responsibilities in CPO Modifications for Conservation Reserve Program

**EXPIRATION DATE:** September 30, 2005

Development of the Conservation Plan of Operations (CPO) for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is the responsibility of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). CPO planning needs to follow procedures set forth in the National Planning Procedures Handbook (NPPH) Rev. 4 and meet the requirements of 2-CRP (Rev. 4) Amend. 3, Par. 293. After obtaining all required signatures on the CPO, a copy of the plan, supporting documents, and NRCS-CPA-52 are to be provided to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for their records.

Maintenance and modification of the CPO is the responsibility of NRCS. When notified through a reconstitution from FSA of need for a CRP contract modification due to sale of land with no change in operator, NRCS will complete revision of the CPO via “pen and ink” changes within 60 days. FSA should have new owner’s initial FSA’s copy of the CPO and provide them a copy.

If the required modification is due to change in ownership and operator, FSA will have new owner initial existing CPO and direct them to contact NRCS within 30 days to complete a modification of the CPO. Once contacted by the new owner, NRCS will complete the CPO revision with required signatures within 120 days providing copies to FSA and new owner. Failure of the new owner in requesting a CPO modification indicates concurrence with existing plan and modification will be completed with “pen and ink” changes according to the reconstitution.

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